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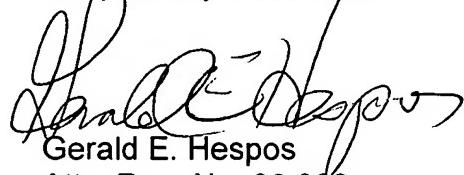
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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement includes a copy of Form PTO-1449 that identifies three Japanese references. Copies of the Japanese references are attached to this Information Disclosure Statement. The relevancy of JP 2002-203636 is described in paragraphs 0002 and 0003 of the application. The other two references are of comparable relevance. The Examiner is requested to consider these references during the examination and to make the references of record.

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